



News from the Parish Council May 2021

In this short Bulletin, you will find highlights from the virtual Parish Council meeting held on Friday 28th May



Opening Prayer

Deacon Anthony gave the opening prayer



Fr Tony shared the following :

Changes connected with lifting the lockdown

In light of the doubt about lifting of the lockdown on 21st June, Fr Tony announced that we aren't making any changes for the moment, apart from reinstating the intercessions.



Our Parish Priest

The Cardinal has asked Fr Tony to stay on after his 75th birthday, until the end of August 2022 and happily, he is. This is unless the Diocese comes up with a new Parish Priest sooner. Fr Tony told us that he is not moving too far away, to one of the flats at St Agnes, Cricklewood.

In Memoriam of Fr John Helm (RIP)

Fr Tony invited Mary Jones to speak about the progress on choosing the gravestone for Fr Helm. She described the stone she and Ruth thought best – the approximate cost is £5, 000. It was proposed and accepted that it would be progressed towards the end of the year so that it is completed and in place on the first anniversary of Fr Helm's death. The memorial Mass for him has to wait until it is clear social distancing has been lifted.



Mass schedule update

Fr Tony reminded everyone that when we last met, he promised there would be the opportunity to discuss changes to the Mass schedule. In opening, he gave an outline of his view, namely that the schedule should be feasible for one priest. Drawing on his own experience, he has found that the 2 evening Masses are less onerous. Given the issue is around the Sunday morning Masses, he highlighted the following as considerations to bear in mind:

- Is there a need for an early morning Mass?
- Is there a need for a midday Mass?

Mass schedule (continued)

- The children's liturgy needs to take place at a Mass before the Sunday School
- The optimum time for the Sunday School
- The viability of the choir with any change of Mass times
- Impact from the loss or change of time of 10.30 Mass

Fr Tony announced that we continue with the 10 a.m. and 12 noon Mass times until the end of July. Then, from August we move to the following Mass times, with a review, at the end of October:

Saturday	6.30pm
Sunday	9am, 10.30am and 6pm

Looking to the end of lockdown



Joan shared that the Thursday Zoom will continue throughout June and possibly afterwards

Date of Next Meeting

There was no further business to discuss. The date and time of the **next Parish Council meeting** is to be advised



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Come and Share your time, thoughts and talents for Parish Life